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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 - 52. (Canceled)

53. (Previously Presented) A method of communications, comprising:

receiving, at a communications device, an origination request for a call, including parameters that include a dialing string;

identifying a plurality of communications networks supported by the communications device;

determining whether the dialing string indicates an emergency number and, if the dialing string indicates an emergency number, generating a first marking without regard to any user-defined permission information to indicate that the call is allowed on each of the plurality of communications networks;

if the dialing string does not indicate an emergency number, accessing, for each of the plurality of communications networks, user-defined permission information and comparing the dialing string to the user-defined permission information to determine if the call is allowed or is not allowed on each of the plurality of communications networks;

originating the call on a respective one of the plurality of communications networks if the call was determined to be allowed on the respective one of the plurality of communications networks; and

wherein the user-defined permission information comprises at least one of a fixed dialing list indicating one or more phone numbers allowed on a particular communications network or a block list indicating one or more phone numbers that are not allowed on a particular communications network, wherein the fixed dialing list and the block list are programmed by a user into a communications card within the communications device.

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53 wherein at least a portion of the user-defined permission information is accessed from at least one of a SIM card, an R-UIM card, and a USIM card.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53 wherein the call origination request comprises an indication that the call is an emergency call.

56. (Canceled)

57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53, further comprising:
upon determining that the call is not allowed on one or more of the plurality of communications networks, generating a second marking to indicate that the call is not allowed;
for each communications network where the call has been determined to be allowed, determining whether the dialing string is to be altered, and upon determining that the dialing string is to be altered, generating a third marking indicating that the dialing string is to be altered;
generating two or more output data fields, a first of the two or more output data fields comprising the input dialing string, or if the third marking has been generated, an altered dialing

string, and a second of the two or more output data fields comprising one or more bits for indicating the first, second, and third markings; and

wherein originating the call on a respective one or the plurality of communications networks comprises determining a selected network to originate the call on based on the two or more output data fields.

58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 57 further comprising altering the dialing string before originating the call when the third marking has been generated.

59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 58 wherein the altering of the dialing string comprises replacing the dialing string with a new dialing string.

60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 58 wherein the altering of the dialing string comprises replacing the dialing string with a service request code.

61. (Previously Presented) A method of communications, comprising:
receiving an origination request for a call, the request including at least one input data field comprising a dialing string;

identifying a plurality of communications networks supported by the communications device;

determining whether the dialing string indicates an emergency number and, if the dialing string indicates an emergency number, generating a first marking without regard to any user-

defined permission information to indicate that the call is allowed on each of the plurality of communications networks;

if the dialing string does not indicate an emergency number, accessing, for each of the plurality of communications networks, user-defined permission information and comparing the dialing string to the user-defined permission information to determine if the call is allowed or is not allowed on each of the plurality of communications networks;

preventing the call from being originated on a respective one of the plurality of communications networks if the call was determined to be not allowed on the respective one of the plurality of communications networks and if the dialing string does not indicate the emergency number; and

wherein the user-defined permission information comprises at least one of an allowed phone number, or a blocked phone number, or a fixed dialing list indicating one or more phone numbers allowed on a particular communications network, or a block list indicating one or more phone numbers that are not allowed on a particular communications network, wherein the fixed dialing list and the block list are programmed by a user into a communications card within the communications device.

62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, further comprising:

upon determining that the call is not allowed on one or more of the plurality of communications networks, generating a second marking to indicate that the call is not allowed;

for each communications network where the call has been determined to be allowed, determining whether the dialing string is to be altered, and upon determining that the dialing string is to be altered, generating a third marking indicating that the dialing string is to be altered;

generating two or more output data fields, a first of the two or more output data fields comprising the input dialing string, or if the third marking has been generated, an altered dialing string, and a second of the two or more output data fields comprising one or more bits for indicating the first, second, and third markings; and

originating the call on a selected network based on the two or more output data fields.

63. (Previously Presented) Computer readable media embodying a program of instructions executable by a processor to perform a method of communications, the method comprising:

receiving, at a communications device, an origination request for a call, including parameters that include a dialing string;

identifying a plurality of communications networks supported by the communications device;

determining whether the dialing string indicates an emergency number and, if the dialing string indicates an emergency number, generating a first marking without regard to any user-defined permission information to indicate that the call is allowed on each of the plurality of communications networks;

if the dialing string does not indicate an emergency number, accessing, for each of the plurality of communications networks, user-defined permission information and comparing the dialing string to the user-defined permission information to determine if the call is allowed or is not allowed on each of the plurality of communications networks;

originating the call over a respective one of the plurality of communications networks if the call is determined to be allowed on the respective one of the plurality of communications networks, and preventing the call from being originated if the call is determined not to be

allowed on the respective one of the plurality of communications networks and if the dialing string does not indicate the emergency number; and

wherein the user-defined permission information comprises at least one of a fixed dialing list indicating one or more phone numbers allowed on a particular communications network or a block list indicating one or more phone numbers that are not allowed on a particular communications network, wherein the fixed dialing list and the block list are programmed by a user into a communications card within the communications device.

64. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media of claim 63 wherein at least a portion of the user-defined permission information is accessed from at least one of a SIM card, an R-UIM card, or a USIM card.

65. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media of claim 63 wherein the call origination request comprises an indication that the call is an emergency call.

66. (Canceled)

67. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media of claim 63, wherein the method further comprises:

upon determining that the call is not allowed on one or more of the plurality of communications networks, generating a second marking to indicate that the call is not allowed;

for each communications network where the call has been determined to be allowed, determining whether the dialing string is to be altered, and upon determining that the dialing string is to be altered, generating a third marking indicating that the dialing string is to be altered;

generating two or more output data fields, a first of the two or more output data fields comprising the input dialing string, or if the third marking has been generated, an altered dialing string, and a second of the two or more output data fields comprising one or more bits for indicating the first, second, and third markings; and

wherein originating the call on a respective one or the plurality of communications networks comprises determining a selected network to originate the call on based on the two or more output data fields.

68. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media of claim 67 wherein the method further comprises altering the dialing string before originating the call when the third marking has been generated.

69. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media of claim 68 wherein the altering of the dialing string comprises replacing the dialing string with a new dialing string.

70. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media of claim 68 wherein the altering of the dialing string comprises replacing the dialing string with a service request code.

71. (Previously Presented) A communications device, comprising:

an input device configured to receive an origination request for a call, including parameters that include a dialing string;

a memory device for storing user-defined permission information for each of a plurality of communications networks supported by the communications device, wherein the respective user-defined information is different for at least two of the plurality of communications networks;

a processor configured to:

identify the plurality of communications networks supported by the communications device;

determine whether the dialing string indicates an emergency number and, if the dialing string indicates an emergency number, generate a first marking without regard to any user-defined permission information to indicate that the call is allowed on each of the plurality of communications networks;

if the dialing string does not indicate an emergency number, access, for each of the plurality of communications networks, user-defined permission information and compare the dialing string to the user-defined permission information to determine if the call is allowed or is not allowed on each of the plurality of communications networks;

originate the call over a respective one of the plurality of communications networks if the processor determines that the call is allowed on the respective one of the plurality of communications networks ;

prevent the call from being originated over the respective one of the plurality of communications network if the processor determines that the call is not allowed on the respective

one of the plurality of communications networks and if the dialing string does not indicate the emergency number; and

wherein the user-defined permission information comprises at least one of a fixed dialing list indicating one or more phone numbers allowed on a particular communications network and a block list indicating one or more phone numbers that are not allowed on a particular communications network, wherein the fixed dialing list and the block list are programmed by a user into a communications card within the communications device.

72. (Previously Presented) The communications device of claim 71 wherein the processor comprises at least one of a SIM card, an R-UIM card, and a USIM card, said at least one of the cards having at least a portion of the user-defined permission information accessed by the processor.

73. (Previously Presented) The communications device of claim 71 wherein the call origination request comprises an indication that the call is an emergency call.

74. (Canceled)

75. (Previously Presented) The communications device of claim 71, wherein the processor is further configured to:

upon determining that the call is not allowed on one or more of the plurality of communications networks, generate a second marking to indicate that the call is not allowed;

for each communications network where the call has been determined to be allowed, determine whether the dialing string is to be altered, and upon determining that the dialing string is to be altered, generate a third marking indicating that the dialing string is to be altered;

generate two or more output data fields, a first of the two or more output data fields comprising the input dialing string, or if the third marking has been generated, an altered dialing string, and a second of the two or more output data fields comprising one or more bits for indicating the first, second, and third markings; and

wherein originating the call on a respective one or the plurality of communications networks comprises determining a selected network to originate the call on based on the two or more output data fields.

76. (Previously Presented) The communications device of claim 75 wherein the processor is further configured to alter the dialing string before originating the call when the third marking has been generated.

77. (Previously Presented) The communications device of claim 76 wherein the processor is further configured to alter the dialing string by replacing the dialing string with a new dialing string.

78. (Previously Presented) The communications device of claim 76 wherein the processor is further configured to alter the dialing string by replacing the dialing string with a service request code.

79. (Previously Presented) A communications device, comprising:

means for receiving an origination request for a call, including parameters that include a dialing string;

means for identifying a plurality of communications networks supported by the communications device;

means for determining whether the dialing string indicates an emergency number and, if the dialing string indicates an emergency number, generating a first marking without regard to any user-defined permission information to indicate that the call is allowed on each of the plurality of communications networks;

means for, if the dialing string does not indicate an emergency number, accessing, for each of the plurality of communications networks, user-defined permission information and comparing the dialing string to the user-defined permission information to determine if the call is allowed or is not allowed on each of the plurality of communications networks;

means for originating the call over a respective one of the plurality of communications networks if the call is determined to be allowed on the respective one of the plurality of communications networks;

means for preventing the call over the respective one of the plurality of communications networks if the call is determined not be allowed on the respective one of the plurality of communications networks and if the dialing string does not indicate the emergency number; and

wherein the user-defined permission information comprises at least one of a fixed dialing list indicating one or more phone numbers allowed on a particular communications network ~~and~~ or a block list indicating one or more phone numbers that are not allowed on a particular

communications network, wherein the fixed dialing list and the block list are programmed by a user into a communications card within the communications device.

80. (Previously Presented) The communications device of claim 79, further comprising:

upon determining that the call is not allowed on one or more of the plurality of communications networks, means for generating a second marking to indicate that the call is not allowed;

for each communications network where the call has been determined to be allowed, means for determining whether the dialing string is to be altered, and upon determining that the dialing string is to be altered, generating a third marking indicating that the dialing string is to be altered;

means for generating two or more output data fields, a first of the two or more output data fields comprising the input dialing string, or if the third marking has been generated, an altered dialing string, and a second of the two or more output data fields comprising one or more bits for indicating the first, second, and third markings; and

wherein originating the call on a respective one or the plurality of communications networks comprises means for determining a selected network to originate the call on based on the two or more output data fields.